

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Gregory McGinity, a member of the staff of Senator COCHRAN, to participate in a program in China sponsored by the Chinese Culture University from August 22-29, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. McGinity in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Sean O'Donnell, a member of the staff of Senator GORTON, to participate in a program in Taiwan sponsored by the Soochow University from August 6-12, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. O'Donnell in this program.●

JASON REESE—YOUTH OF THE YEAR

● Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, Jason Reese is a remarkable young man who is attending the University of Tennessee as a national merit scholar. He was named last week as the Boys and Girls Clubs of America "Youth of the Year." I join all my fellow Tennesseans in saluting Jason, and wishing him well as he enters college.

I ask that an article that appeared in the October 2, 1995, edition of U.S. News & World Report be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

[From the U.S. News & World Report, Oct. 2, 1995]

BOOTSTRAPS—TRYING IN TENNESSEE

(By Dorian Friedman)

As an introverted child from a troubled family, Jason Reese never imagined himself as a role model. So when a young neighbor saw him recently on TV and told him "he wanted to grow up to be like me, it just about made me cry." Jason wasn't alone: There were more than a few teary-eyed admirers in a Capitol Hill audience last week when the Boys & Girls Clubs of America named the 18-year-old its National Youth of the Year.

Abandoned by his father as an infant and shuttled between grandparents and a struggling single mother, Jason was raised in "the projects" of Morristown, Tenn., a neighborhood where drug dealing and gunfire were not uncommon. A haven where Jason found surrogate fathers and friends was the local Boys & Girls Club. There, he tutored the younger school kids, helped run park cleanups and food drives and pitched in at a nursing home. He also worked at a local auto-parts company, tended to his two little brothers so their mother could finish college and maintained nearly perfect grades in school. He graduated from Morristown High West this year as a National Merit scholar and drew a full scholarship to the University of Tennessee, where he will study biology and chemistry in hopes of becoming a doctor.

As Youth of the Year, he voiced a message to other teenagers: "Stay determined, pursue your dreams and never let anybody tell you that you can't get there." That approach was taken long ago by another Boys Club product—originally from a place called Hope—who told Jason and the other finalists how proud he was of them in the Oval Office.●

PROVISIONS OF THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS BILL PERTAINING TO TURKEY

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, the Senate recently adopted two amendments to the foreign operations appropriations bill which I think deserve further comment.

The first of these, an amendment offered by Senator DOLE, will prohibit U.S. assistance from going to any country that impedes the delivery of U.S. humanitarian assistance. I am a cosponsor of this amendment, as well as of the original legislation on the subject, the Humanitarian Aid Corridors Act, and I believe strongly in the principle which it reflects. Countries that block our humanitarian efforts should not be receiving our foreign aid. I wish that such legislation were not necessary, but unfortunately the third largest recipient of United States foreign aid, Turkey, continues to prevent the delivery of most humanitarian assistance to neighboring Armenia. We can no longer ignore this situation.

After enduring mass slaughter at the hands of the Ottoman Empire, and more than 60 years under the repressive rule of the Soviet Union, Armenia has been embroiled since achieving independence 4 years ago in a bloody dispute with Azerbaijan to its east and has been subjected to an economic blockade by Turkey on the west. The United States and the rest of the Western community have provided humanitarian aid to help reduce the severe shortages of fuel, food, and other essential supplies. Unfortunately, Turkey has maintained a blockade on the most efficient land routes, thereby greatly complicating this relief effort.

I had hoped that diplomacy alone could ensure the delivery of the much-needed assistance to Armenia. However, the lack of progress on the diplomatic front and my commitment to ensuring the unrestricted delivery of humanitarian assistance to Armenia—and my commitment to the important principle of permitting unrestricted humanitarian assistance to the civilian casualties of any nation—have convinced me that Senator DOLE's legislation is necessary. I believe it is the most effective avenue to bring pressure to bear on those hindering the delivery of humanitarian assistance to Armenia.

The second amendment I wish to discuss also affected Turkey and, had it been adopted, would have capped United States economic assistance to Turkey at \$21 million. I also cosponsored this amendment, offered by Senator D'AMATO as a way of expressing to our Turkish allies our extreme disappointment with their continued intransigence in Cyprus, their deplorable human rights record in dealing with the Kurdish insurgency in southeastern Turkey, and their continuing land blockade of Armenia.

I am well aware of the important strategic role that Turkey played during the cold war and of its role in the

international coalition during the Persian Gulf war. I appreciate the significant contributions Turkey has made to reasonable action and discourse in the Moslem world. I would like for Turkey and the United States to be close co-operating friendly allies. I do not relish the idea of taking punitive measures against a valued NATO ally, but we must look at the relationship across a spectrum of issues and in many areas Turkey comes up short. The Turkish occupation in Cyprus just entered its third decade and there seems to be little movement toward a settlement. The United States State Department reported that, despite constant urgings from the Western community, human rights abuses in Turkey worsened last year. This behavior is incompatible with Turkey's drive for inclusion in the European Union. Because all other means of delivering the message and securing altered behavior have failed, I agree that we are reduced to using the few remaining vehicles available to deliver our message, a reduction of our assistance.

Like many of my colleagues, I want Turkey to continue as a trusted ally, but we cannot let our desire for good relations blind us to Turkey's flaws. I am pleased that Senator DOLE's amendment was adopted and I hope that the Turkish leadership receives the message sent by both amendments—our relationship since the cold war has changed and Turkey's strategic location is no longer enough to shield them from the bright light of international scrutiny. I also hope that Turkey's response will not be intransigence and obstinacy, but instead will be recognition that this message comes from a nation and a people that values our friendship and wants our future relations to be friendly and cooperative and will ensure they are friendly and cooperative if Turkey will comport itself in accord with established standards of behavior for sovereign states.●

MEMORIAL TO M. SGT. CARL BILLIG

● Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, this morning, the family of retired M. Sgt. Carl Billig said their final farewells to this devoted husband, father, and war veteran who passed away on Friday, September 22, 1995.

Sergeant Billig's dying wish was to receive his long-sought military awards and medals. After more than a year of trying to track down those medals, they finally arrived 2 days before his death. In a touching ceremony, Sergeant Billig's family gathered at the home around his bed where he lie terminally ill with cancer. The family looked on as Maj. Martin Harris presented Sergeant Billig with 14 military medals and badges—including the Purple Heart and the Award of Meritorious Service in recognition of his 23 years of service spanning World War II through the Vietnam conflict.

In a final act of patriotism, Sergeant Billig mustered all of his strength to return Major Harris' salute. His eyes brightened as he recognized the great honors being paid to him by those gathered about him. Following that salute, his hand dropped to his side, still holding it in the salute position and soon his eyes closed, never to open again.

Sergeant Billig was discharged from the Army 25 years ago. He had been actively working to obtain his medals for the last 17 months, but to no avail. Letters were answered with form responses that they were working on it. Carl's body wasted and weakened with lung cancer and knowing his time was short, he chose to stay at home during his final days. But Carl continued to express his great desire to receive his military medals before his death. He told friends and family he wished to be buried in full military uniform, complete with all medals and ribbons.

Hospice nurse Lori Olsen Marks overheard him express this dying wish and on September 14 contacted my office to see if I could help in any way. She sensed the urgency of Carl's wish and said his physicians felt there might only be 3 to 4 weeks left to obtain his honors. My office immediately contacted the U.S. Army. In her typical, caring style, Margaret Tyler, Congressional Liaison for the Army, began work on the request. On September 19, Carl's son Tom called to say it appeared to be only a matter of hours. His father was in great pain and was having increasing difficulty breathing.

Another call was made to the Army. Margaret Tyler contacted Gail Goers-Wurmb and Vicki Ramoni in Philadelphia and St. Louis. Within the hour, these women had obtained all authorizations and worked into the night to locate all of the awards and thoughtfully had Carl Billig's name engraved on each medal. An overnight carrier was located, and almost in miracle fashion, the package arrived the next morning in Idaho Falls.

An awards ceremony was quickly scheduled. Major Harris of the Idaho National Guard, hospice administrator, Keith Hale, Ina Gillies of Veterans Affairs, and Dixie Richardson of my office prepared the presentation.

Carl Billig's family says he lived by his motto, "You do whatever must be done, in order to accomplish a task * * * especially when you have been given an assignment to do something for your country." Carl Billig lived doing whatever needed to be done, and in his final hours, many people pulled together to honor this fine man.

Carl Billig's family have expressed their deepest appreciation many times for the kindness and concern shown by all who answered a man's dying wish with such expediency. They say their faith in people, and in their government have been renewed.●

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

The text of the bill (S. 1244) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, as passed by the Senate on September 22, 1995, is as follows:

S. 1244

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

FISCAL YEAR 1996 APPROPRIATIONS FEDERAL PAYMENT TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

For payment to the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, \$660,000,000, as authorized by section 502(a) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, Public Law 93-198, as amended (D.C. Code, sec. 47-3406.1).

FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION TO RETIREMENT FUNDS

For the Federal contribution to the Police Officers and Fire Fighters', Teachers', and Judges' Retirement Funds, as authorized by the District of Columbia Retirement Reform Act, approved November 17, 1979 (93 Stat. 866; Public Law 96-122), \$52,000,000.

DIVISION OF EXPENSES

The following amounts are appropriated for the District of Columbia for the current fiscal year out of the general fund of the District of Columbia, except as otherwise specifically provided.

GOVERNMENTAL DIRECTION AND SUPPORT

Governmental direction and support, \$150,721,000 and 1,465 full-time equivalent positions (end of year): *Provided*, That not to exceed \$2,500 for the Mayor, \$2,500 for the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, and \$2,500 for the City Administrator shall be available from this appropriation for expenditures for official purposes: *Provided further*, That any program fees collected from the issuance of debt shall be available for the payment of expenses of the debt management program of the District of Columbia: *Provided further*, That no revenues from Federal sources shall be used to support the operations or activities of the Statehood Commission and Statehood Compact Commission: *Provided further*, That the District of Columbia shall identify the sources of funding for Admission to Statehood from its own locally-generated revenues: *Provided further*, That \$29,500,000 is used for a pay-as-you-go capital project of which \$28,000,000 is available to develop and implement a new financial management information system and \$1,500,000 is available for a needs assessment study: *Provided further*, That the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority shall have given prior approval to the work plan and procurement documents for necessary hardware and software before work on phase 3, as described in the Authority's August 15, 1995 report, is begun.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATION

Economic development and regulation, \$142,711,000 and 1,692 full-time equivalent po-

sitions (end-of-year): *Provided*, That the District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency, established by section 201 of the District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency Act, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-135; D.C. Code, sec. 45-2111), based upon its capability of repayments as determined each year by the Council of the District of Columbia from the Housing Finance Agency's annual audited financial statements to the Council of the District of Columbia, shall repay to the general fund an amount equal to the appropriated administrative costs plus interest at a rate of four percent per annum for a term of 15 years, with a deferral of payments for the first three years: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the foregoing provision, the obligation to repay all or part of the amounts due shall be subject to the rights of the owners of any bonds or notes issued by the Housing Finance Agency and shall be repaid to the District of Columbia government only from available operating revenues of the Housing Finance Agency that are in excess of the amounts required for debt service, reserve funds, and operating expenses: *Provided further*, That upon commencement of the debt service payments, such payments shall be deposited into the general fund of the District of Columbia.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE

Public safety and justice, including purchase of 135 passenger-carrying vehicles for replacement only, including 130 for police-type use and five for fire-type use, without regard to the general purchase price limitation for the current fiscal year, \$960,747,000 and 11,544 full-time equivalent positions (end-of-year): *Provided*, That the Metropolitan Police Department is authorized to replace not to exceed 25 passenger-carrying vehicles and the Fire Department of the District of Columbia is authorized to replace not to exceed five passenger-carrying vehicles annually whenever the cost of repair to any damaged vehicle exceeds three-fourths of the cost of the replacement: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$500,000 shall be available from this appropriation for the Chief of Police for the prevention and detection of crime: *Provided further*, That the Metropolitan Police Department shall provide quarterly reports to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate on efforts to increase efficiency and improve the professionalism in the department: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, or Mayor's Order 86-45, issued March 18, 1986, the Metropolitan Police Department's delegated small purchase authority shall be \$500,000: *Provided further*, That the District of Columbia government may not require the Metropolitan Police Department to submit to any other procurement review process, or to obtain the approval of or be restricted in any manner by any official or employee of the District of Columbia government, for purchases that do not exceed \$500,000: *Provided further*, That \$250,000 is used for the Georgetown Summer Detail; \$200,000 is used for East of the River Detail; \$100,000 is used for Adams Morgan Detail; and \$100,000 is used for the Capitol Hill Summer Detail: *Provided further*, That the Metropolitan Police Department shall employ an authorized level of sworn officers not to be less than 3,800 sworn officers for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996: *Provided further*, That the District of Columbia shall house no more than 1,000 inmates in its community correctional centers, District operated or contracted, on any given date: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated for expenses under the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Act, approved September 3, 1974 (88 Stat. 1090; Public Law 93-412; D.C. Code, sec. 11-